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Letter dated 11 July 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

In reference to the Secretary-General's announcement on Thursday, 9 July 2015, regarding the humanitarian pause in Yemen, and upon instructions from my Government, I herewith attach a report on violations committed by the Houthi-Saleh rebels a few hours after the beginning of the pause (see annex).

It would be greatly appreciated if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Report on violations by the Houthi-Saleh rebels of the humanitarian pause in Yemen

11 July 2015

A few hours after the humanitarian pause, which the Secretary-General announced on 9 July 2015, the Houthi-Saleh rebels in all parts of the national territory of Yemen committed the following violations:

In Aden, the rebels shelled with artillery and mortar Alareesh, Ga'awalah, Beer Fadhel and Beer Ahmed, the Albouraqah and Salahouddin neighborhoods and, at the moment of the writing of this report, rebels continued to receive reinforcements from Lahej into Aden. The city's main water tank was shelled and destroyed, which will cause a humanitarian disaster;

In Abbyan, clashes continue between the rebels and the resistance in and around the Alwahadah military camp, the Central Security camp to the east of the city of Zenjebar and areas of Almaraqed, Alkod and Doufas. The rebels continue to send reinforcements from the city of Shouqrah to the Alwahdah camp;

In Lahaj, rebel forces on the Alanad front attacked resistance positions in Balah, clashes continue in the Alanad strategic triangle and the rebels received reinforcements from northern positions;

In Al-Dalea, the rebels launched an attack against the resistance positions in areas in Sanah and Khobar;

In Taez, the rebels moved a military convoy to Mount Al-Zounog in an attempt to advance over the resistance positions at the strategic Mount Garah in the centre of the city of Taez. Also, the rebels shelled from their positions in the Alkaherah castle, in the Aljoumhouri neighborhood;

In Marib, the rebels continue to mobilize combatants and military reinforcements. During the first hours of the pause, the rebels moved heavy arms, including Katyusha launchers, howitzers and 20 vehicles loaded with fighters, from Khoulan in Sana'a into Marib. The rebels continue to try to capture Sarwah;

In Sabwah, tanks, armoured vehicles and combatant reinforcements for the rebels are coming from their positions in Albaidha. The clashes continue on all fronts.

These violations committed so far in all parts of Yemen by the Houthi-Saleh militias against the humanitarian pause prove without any doubt that the rebels are deliberately ignoring their obligations expressed by the Secretary-General in his letter to President Hadi dated 9 July 2015 on the commitment of the Houthis and the General People's Congress (Saleh Faction) to support the humanitarian pause.

The Houthis-Saleh rebels are deliberately violating their obligations towards the humanitarian pause to suspend military operations during the pause, not to take

advantage of the pause to move weapons or seize territory and to facilitate the urgent delivery of humanitarian assistance to all parts of Yemen, as well as rapid, safe and unhindered access for humanitarian actors, as announced in the Security Council press statement of 10 July 2015.

The Houthis-Saleh rebels, at the moment of the writing of this report, were blocking the humanitarian caravans from accessing Aden, Dalea and Taez.

The Government of Yemen calls upon all the members of the Security Council and the international community to denounce the Houthi-Saleh rebels on their non-compliance with the pause requirement.